

November 11, 2025

Storm Sewer Outfall Rehabilitation in West Highland Creek, Morningside Park

Start Date: November 2024

End Date: December 2025

**Timeline is subject to change.*

The City of Toronto is repairing a failed storm sewer outfall and the connected storm sewer pipe, which is in Morningside Park north of the Lawrence Avenue East bridge. A storm outfall is a discharge point structure on the creek, which is connected to an underground pipe (storm sewer) that collects stormwater, rainfall and other natural groundwater and precipitation, and transports it to the outfall and the creek.

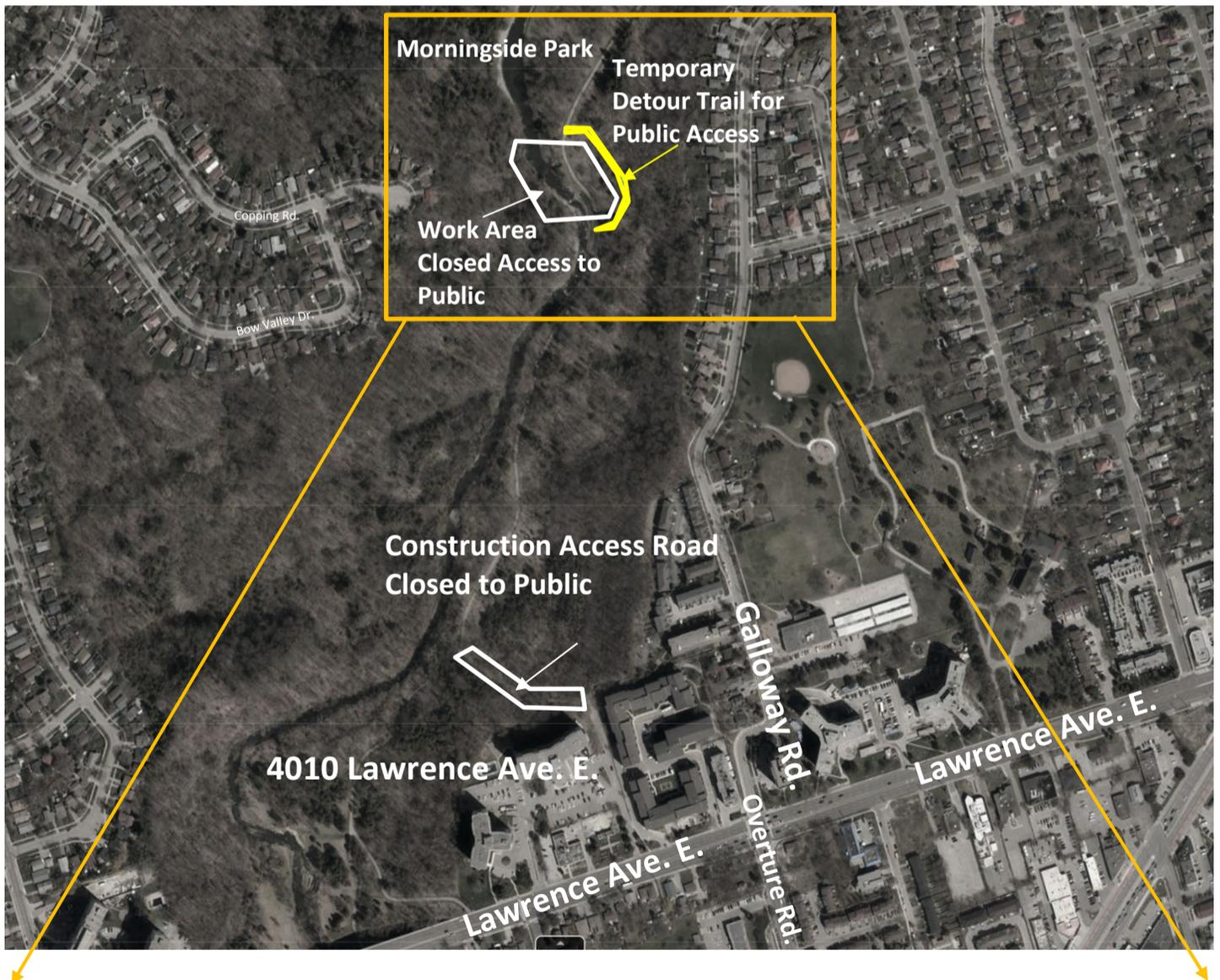
The storm outfall is being repaired by rebuilding the outfall structure, replacing the damaged storm pipe and reinforcing the creek bank and beds with stone, soil and vegetation.

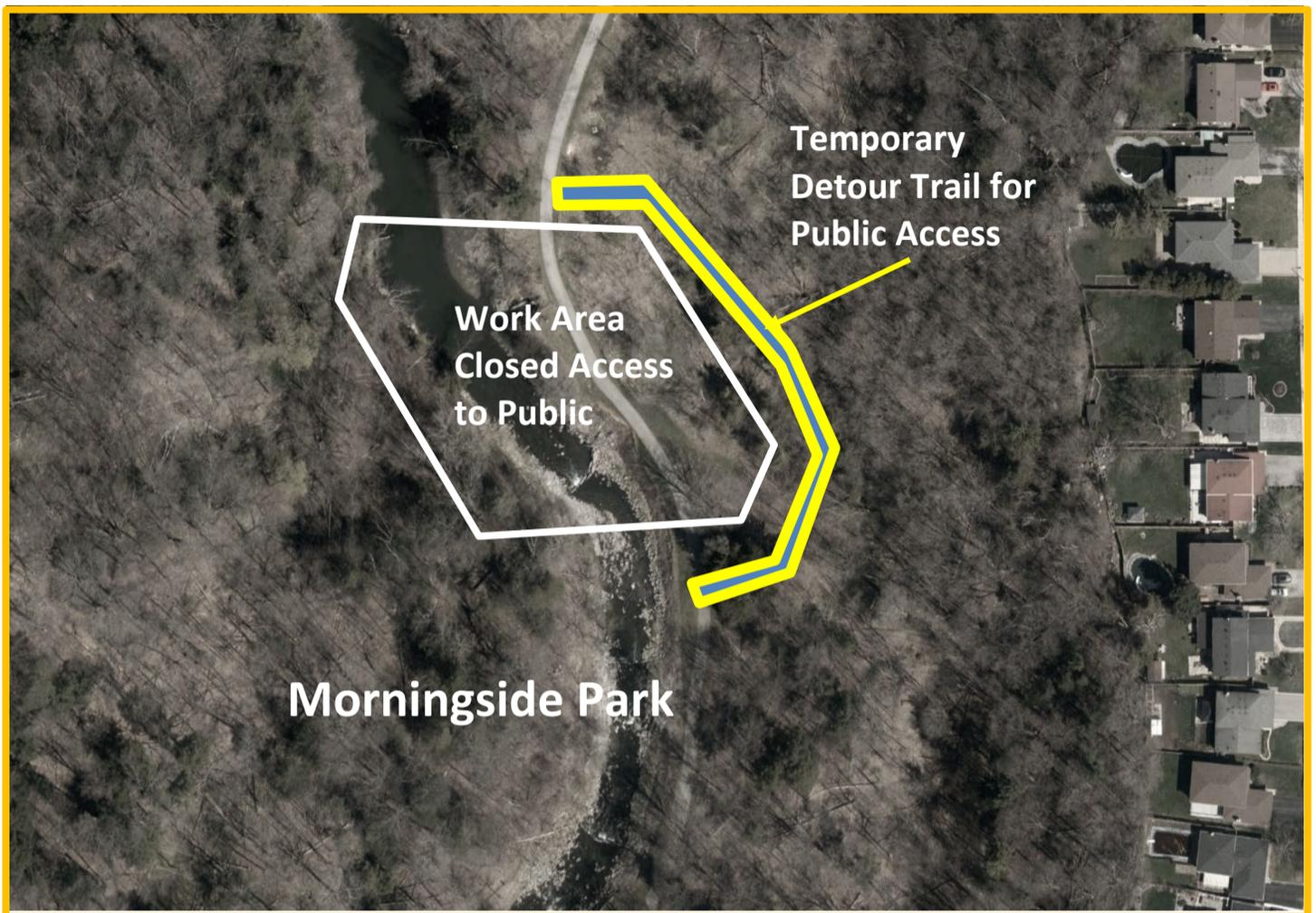
Please find a map of the work area below.

This project is part of the Council-approved 2024 Capital Works Program to renew the City's aging sewer infrastructure and will extend the service life by approximately 50 years.

A City of Toronto trail project follows the outfall work. The trail project formalizes access to Morningside Park behind 4010 Lawrence Ave. E.

MAP OF WORK AREA





WORK DETAILS

In the first few weeks, City of Toronto staff will move equipment on-site and prepare the work area before construction begins. Crews will then:

- Work within the stormwater discharge channel to remove, replace and reconstruct the failing storm sewer and outfall structure.
- Repair and restore the stormwater discharge channel bed, and the creek banks surrounding the new storm outfall to protect against future erosion.
- Undertake creek restoration with heavy equipment operating in West Highland Creek.
- Remove some trees in the work area. Restoration and native tree planting will follow in the area surrounding the outfall once construction work is concluded.

Restoration of the access road area behind 4010 Lawrence Ave. E. will be part of the Urban Forestry trail project. The multi-use trail along West Highland Creek will be open during construction. Staff will be onsite to control trail traffic when heavy equipment crosses the trail.

	<p>Work Hours: Work will take place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Friday, with work after hours and on weekends, as required and in accordance with the City's Noise Bylaw. Night work may be required as part of this project. You will be notified in advance of any changes to work hours.</p>
	<p>Construction Noise: You may experience intermittent noise and vibration during construction (from vacuum trucks, power generators, air compressors, etc.). All work will comply with the City of Toronto's Noise Bylaw.</p>
	<p>Park, Trail, Sidewalk and Pedestrian Access: For the safety of workers and trail users, some pedestrian and trail use restrictions will occur. Staff will be onsite to temporarily close the trail when heavy equipment is crossing the trail. Otherwise, the trail will remain open. The informal trail beside the work area and the work area will be closed for the duration of the work. A temporary detour pathway as an informal trail will be built and open to the public. Temporary fencing and signs will be erected at the access points to the informal trail and at the work area site to protect the public.</p>
	<p>Road Access and Parking: To complete work in a safe manner, there may be some minimal road restrictions and parking spots at north end of 4010 Lawrence Ave. E.</p>
	<p>Tree Removal: In order to complete the necessary work, the City will need to remove and prune trees from public property in the ravine and in the park. A public property tree removal permit has been obtained for this work.</p>
	<p>Restoration: The construction work area will be restored. Staff will replant native trees and restore vegetation with site appropriate landscaping. This will be done as needed during ideal planting seasons only - in the spring (April to June) and fall (September to October) and will be carried out in consultation with Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.</p>

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

If you have questions about the upcoming work, please contact us.

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Thank you for your patience. Building a great city takes time. Better infrastructure for all of us is worth the wait.